The Cathedral Choir School

OF

THE CATHEDRAL of ALL SAINTS, EPISCOPAL

ALBANY, NEW YORK

A DAY SCHOOL FOR BOYS

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES is composed of the members of the Cathedral Chapter.

THE BOARD OF ADVISORS consists of the Cathedral Dean, the Canon Precentor, the Headmaster of the School and the following other persons:

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THE FACULTY AND STAFF consists of the Headmaster, the Chaplain, the School Physician, the Librarian and qualified and experienced academic instructors.

PURPOSES

To educate boys as Christian gentlemen and good citizens.

To provide them with a program of sound academic and cultural training.

To provide well ordered music for the worship of the Cathedral congregation.

ADVANTAGES

Small classes, permitting greater development of the individual student.

A balanced course in religion.

Thorough musical training leading to participation in service and concert singing in the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys.

Proximity to the State Library, Museum and the Capitol.

THE SCHOOL

The Anglican boy choir school tradition is of medieval origin; St. Paul's Cathedral Choir School, London, has an unbroken history of over one thousand years. Leadership in this field in the United States has been taken by the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, the "National" Cathedral, in Washington, D. C., and others who have given boys a superior education and maintained the highest standards of church music. Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, and St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles, have established choir schools in the last three years. The Cathedral Choir School here, it is believed, will make year by year an increasing contribution to the life of the Cathedral, the City and the entire Diocese of Albany.

The School will open September, 1958, with grades 4 through 6; grades 7 and 8 will follow in the successive two years. School days will generally correspond to those of the Albany public schools. The curriculum is based on that approved by New York state and local public school officials and graduates of the School will be prepared for high school. The Cathedral is chartered by the State of New York to operate educational institutions. Classes are conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Guild House — well suited to the purpose. Students bring their own lunches and may purchase milk and small items at the School as a convenience. Prospective students and their parents are invited to inspect School facilities.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION

In keeping with the purposes of the School, the curriculum provides a place for instruction by the Cathedral clergy in the teaching of the historic Church and in the appreciation of the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer. The religious training of a boy is inevitably enriched also by Choir participation.

Music instruction is given in the fundamentals of music, sight singing, chorus, and general appreciation. The short daily chorus rehearsal teaches the proper use of the voice, good posture, diction, reading and cooperation.

Because the student body is small and the School is well located, it is possible to make many educational field trips to points of historic or current importance and to significant cultural and athletic events.

THE COST

The support of the School is derived from the Cathedral congregation and from the nominal yearly tuition fee of $300. charged each pupil. (This is payable in three ways: yearly in advance; $150. per semester in advance; $30. per month in advance.) Since tuitions provide only part of the cost of school operation, each boy accepted obtains a partial scholarship. Students buy their own books for less than $30. per year.

ADMISSION

The first step in admission is an interview with the Headmaster. Subsequently evidence must be provided to demonstrate that the applicant is a good student with a cooperative attitude. Finally, musical aptitude is tested. Previous musical training is not required. An application fee of $25. is required which will be applied toward the tuition fee if the pupil is accepted or will be returned if he is not.

To justify his membership in the School each boy is expected to be cooperative and to contribute toward the maintenance of high moral and scholastic standards. He is expected to give unselfish effort to the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys as soon as he becomes eligible for membership.

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

It is assumed that all pupils will become eligible for membership in the Cathedral Choir, which rehearses Fridays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. and participates in the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday mornings in the Cathedral. Occasionally it sings at other times. Boys who sing in the Choir will be dismissed from School at 1:30 Friday afternoons. The boys of the Choir do not sing during the summer months.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Information on yearly awards and summer camp and on other aspects of the School may be obtained from the Headmaster by addressing him at the Cathedral or by telephoning him at 62-1263.